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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

John C. Harvey and James W. Cuddihy:

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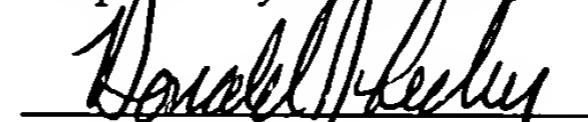
Sir:

Applicants request that the finality of the final rejection dated February 5, 1998 be withdrawn in view of this timely filed first submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a). Our Check No. 304843 is enclosed for payment of the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(r). The present application has an effective pendency of at least two years as of June 8, 1995, taking into account any reference of record to any earlier filed application under 35 U.S.C. § 120, 121 and 365(c). This petition and the fee set forth in § 1.17(r) are being filed prior to the filing of an appeal brief and prior to abandonment of the application. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the amendment and request for reconsideration previously filed be entered.

Applicants respectfully request a four-month extension of time in which to respond to the Final Office Action mailed February 5, 1998, for which a response period expiring on May 5, 1998 was set. The extended period expires on May 5, 1999.

However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038.

Respectfully submitted,



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